

December 26, 2006

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63105-2225

Dear Eric,

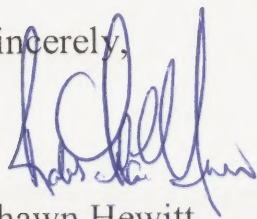
Thanks for your phone call last week. I am pleased to hear that you like my book on Minnesota obsoletes, and look forward to reading your comments.

Please find enclosed a second copy of the book for your home library. I have taken the liberty of personalizing it and hope that it meets your approval. While we normally sell these for the list price of \$69.95, I would simply ask in return for a personal check for that amount, which I would not cash, but keep as another souvenir from whom I regard as a numismatic legend, a fellow collector, and friend.

Our family is planning a vacation for the summer of 2007, and we might be able to include St. Louis as one of our stops. If that evolves as hoped, we would like stop by your museum, and if you are available, perhaps see the facility with you as our guide. Possible dates would be those around this year's Memphis Paper Money Show, which will be held July 5-7. Please let me know if dates immediately around these might be possible.

I hope this letter finds you in your usual remarkable health.

Sincerely,



Shawn Hewitt  
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January 4, 2007

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